**Thurrock Adults Autism Action Group**

**Monday 4th June 2018**

**1.30 – 3 pm at the Beehive, Grays**

 **Attendees:** Ashley Woodward – CaPa, (Co-Chair)

 Allison Hall – Thurrock Council (Acting Co-Chair)

 Ian Evans – Thurrock Coalition

 Karen Haltham – Thurrock Coalition (minutes)

 Emma White – Peabody (previously Family Mosaic)

 Ian Gilling – Palmers College

 Kate Palmer – Palmers College

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|  | **Discussion** | **ACTION** |
|  | **Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**Ashley welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.Emma White explained her role as the Project Office for Peabody on the operation side, Sue Allison is the Head of Care, it was agreed to invite Sue to a future meeting.Apologies: There were no apologies receivedAshley circulated a leaflet advertising the CaPa and PATT joint Drop-in at the Community House, Sheffield Road on a Wednesday morning. Discussions include Education, Health and Care in the morning and Participation groups in the afternoons. **ACTION:** Ashley to ask Sam Foster (CaPa) to forward a copy of the leaflet to Karen to circulate with the minutes. | Ashley/Karen |
|  | **Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising.**The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed as a true record with the following comments:* Item 4 - no response has been received regarding the remaining funds, there is approximately £6,000 remaining, there is no rush to spend. Only 10 people have used the hire scheme. Autism screening – 2 events over the summer (outside cinema)
* Ian could do a joint presentation and maybe do a joint thing with Capa.
* Changing Places – public places Autism Friendly.
* The Council are refurbishing the reception area of the Civic Offices to be Dementia and Autism friendly. **ACTION:** Allison to find out who is the lead of the working group for this refurbishment.
* The Thurrock Council Lead for Autism/Mental Health position has still not been advertised.

Minutes proposed by: Ashley WoodwardMinutes seconded by: Ian Evans**Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising. |  |
| **3.** | **Preparing for Adulthood Report**Ian and Caroline have run workshops looking at:* Independent living
* Health
* Relationships
* Employment

Independently not just living on own.Main recommendationsJob Centre – knowing where it is Work, money, utility bills etc.Registering with GPIan has written an Informing a Preparing for Adulthood Strategy for Thurrock, please see copy attached to read in conjunction with the minutes. **ACTION: Karen to attach report to the minutes**It was agreed for a Steering Group to be formed, Ian Evans to facilitate. Suggested date for initial meeting Tuesday 10th July 2018 10 am to 12 noon. To include Housing Department, Palmers Students would be welcome to attend. Emma will speak to Care and Support at Peabody to see if anyone would be interested in attending. | Karen HalthamEmma White |
| **4.** | **Peabody (Family Mosaic) – Medina Road Project Update**Emma gave a brief feedback on what has been going on over the past year. Planning has now been agreed and work should commence on 11th June 2018 with completion schedules for August 2019.Medina Road Project will remain a standard item on the agenda and Emma will give quarterly feedback at these meetings.The flats are all one bedroomed, and aimed at individuals who are more capable to live on their own, there is no facility for sleep-in care although waking night care can be used.When closer to completion date Emma will liaise with AAG with regard to potential individuals moving in to have involvement in the decoration of the flats.There will be an office on site AAG to be included in what care and support is needed.If not completed until August 2019, there will be an issue re Housing Benefit changes in June 2019.List of people who may wish to move in Project Plan – Emma will forward a copy to Allison. **ACTION: Emma**Thurrock Council to identify and work with PeabodyReview original list – Allison to find out who is on the list, the individual’s family need to be involved from the onset.Entry criteria: …… Individuals would have had an assessment and be in need of Adult Social Care services. Palmers Students would know if they are working with Children’s Services or ASC.Potentially the flats will be a home for life.The staff team will be recruited by Peabody with a manager for the day to day running of the office There is the option to use anybody or Peabody ???? *is this about the owner/people running issues*Draft nomination document is at present going through Peabody’s legal team.Emma to be included on circulation list for attendance at meetings. | Emma White |
| **5** | **Transforming Care Partnership, Experts by Experience Group Update**Thurrock had not participatedWhat is our back up in ThurrockThurrock * Low secure units
* One remaining

Thurrock has not bought in Ash feeds back via Rosemary – need to know where Thurrock stands. |  |
| **7** | **Any Other Business**A letter to Roger Harris has been drafted with regard to the Autism Lead position and when someone will be recruited to this vacant position. Ashley read out the letter and it was agreed to send.Ashley thanked Ian and Kate from Palmers for coming to the meeting and also to invite any students they may know who may be interested in attending they would be most welcome. |  |
|  | **Next Meeting****Monday 3rd September 2018** **at The Beehive, West Street, Grays RM17 6XP****1.30 – 3 pm**  |  |